

Application Serial No. 09/811,417
Amendment after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 dated May 6, 2004
Reply to final Office action of January 6, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 2 through 10 and 12 through 18 are pending in this application. New claim 18 is added herein. Support for new 18 may be found in Figs. 3-5, and at page 14, lines 9 and 10 of the specification as originally filed. Entry of this amendment is requested respectfully. Further reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Advisory Action:

The Applicants appreciate the consideration represented by the Advisory Action mailed April 26, 2004, and the indication that claim 17 contains allowable subject matter. The Applicants disagree respectfully, however, with the assertion in the Advisory Action to the effect that Nakamura, U.S. 6,280,304 in view of Takahashi et al., U.S. 4,483,216 as applied to former claim 11, renders claim 16 unpatentable. There is no teaching or suggestion in either Nakamura or Takahashi to combine the two references. Nakamura, for example, already transmits power. Nakamura is complete in itself. It is submitted that no person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have seen any reason to modify Nakamura as proposed in the Advisory Action. Claim 16, as well as claim 17 and new claim 18 dependent thereon, is thus submitted to be allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 9, 10, and 15.

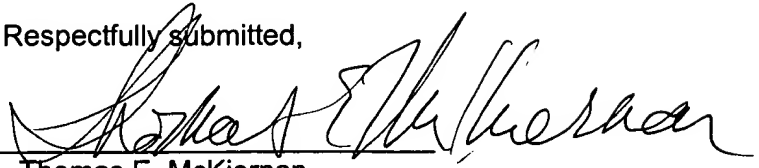
Conclusion:

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that all claims 2 through 10 and 12 through 18 are allowable over the cited references, and are now allowable. Allowance of all claims 2 through 10 and 12 through 18 and of this entire application are therefore respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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